

of Regents may not finally close the situation. Rumors coming to my ears are of such character as to lead me to believe it will not be final.

Page: If the Governor appears before this committee and says that he recognizes as final the findings of the Board of Regents as far as he was concerned, do you think then it would be necessary for us to go into this investigation? That probably Dr. Clark wrote a hotheaded letter he ought never to have written. That such investigation as we ought to hold would be to investigate character and fitness of men the Governor has named for Board of Regents, we ought to investigate so as to find out from them whether they have made any pledges to the Governor as to their course on the Board of Regents; that this is the sort of an investigation we ought to have?

A. I will say if investigation held by Board of Regents and conclusions arrived at by board is to be regarded as a matter settled finally; if Senate will make such investigation of men appointed as to guarantee that it will be considered as matters already settled, so far as your investigation can do, if this is done and by so doing the University's name before the people of Texas is set forth as an honorable one and its integrity as being without question, no further investigation of these matters will be needed at all. We cannot guarantee.

Q. Now, Doctor, if you care to express your judgment, will confirmation of these gentlemen whom the Governor has named as members of Board of Regents disturb the present relationship at the University?

(It was objected that question went into realm of problematical and could not be answered.)

Dr. Vinson: I have got to work with these members of the board and I do not think that my relations with these members of the board ought to be prejudiced, and for that reason I have been very careful to state that I have no fight to make on any appointments the Governor may make.

Governor's Letter.

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Senators Dayton, Page and Henderson, Committee on University Investigation Matter.

Gentlemen: In response to your request as to my attitude on the ques-

tion of whether it is necessary to have an investigation of the University affairs, permit me to say that, in my opinion, the entire management of the University of Texas should be allowed to remain and continue within the discretion and judgment and power conferred upon the Board of Regents by the Constitution of the State of Texas.

The Board of Regents are the only constituted authority that could decide and determine all matters pertaining to the management and conduct of the University, and for that reason, in my opinion, it would be useless for the Legislature to undertake to inquire into the management of the University.

You will understand more fully the force of this when it is called to your mind that there is no charge made to the Senate of Texas against any member of the Board of Regents. All I ask is that the members of the Board of Regents who shall constitute that board in the future be left as free to exercise their constitutional powers as the Board of Regents have in the past.

Respectfully,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Saturday, February 17, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Johnston of Harris.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.
Hall.	Robbins.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with, on motion of Senator Westbrook.

Petitions and Memorials.

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Committee Reports.

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Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Johnson of Hall:

S. B. No. 383, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 22, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State by amending Articles 762 and 774 so that Article 762 shall hereafter provide in substance that any incorporated city, town or village in this State containing 750 inhabitants or over, including those incorporated under Chapter 14 of said Title 22 and other laws, general and special, may accept the provisions of Title 22, relating to cities and towns, in lieu of any existing charter, by a two-thirds vote of the council of such city, town or village; providing when such action by the council may be taken and the method of recording same and proceeding to effectuate the same and declaring other provisions with reference thereto but which are not different from said article as it now exists except the population named is changed from 1000 inhabitants or over to 750 inhabitants or over; and by amending Article 744 so as to make the limit of population therein contained 750 inhabitants or over instead of 1000 inhabitants or over, but in no other respect changing said Article 774, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Buchanan of Scurry:
S. B. No. 384, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4859, Title 71, Chapter 7, relating to reports of local insurance associations, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking.

By Senator Parr:

S. B. No. 385, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Jim Wells county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Jim Wells county when acting as ex officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the creation of private corporations under the general corporation laws of this state, with power and authority to act as adjusters for insurance companies, of losses sustained by such companies doing business in this State, which issue policies or contracts of indemnity, against loss or damage to real or personal property of any character, without regard to the contingency or cause against which such policies or contracts provide indemnity, and with authority and power in such corporations to receive and handle and dispose of salvage arising in or incident to such adjustment; and with power and authority to make inspections for insurance companies of risks and report thereon, provided, however, such corporations shall not be authorized to act as local agents in issuing policies of insurance, fixing the minimum capital stock of such corporations; making such companies and its agents and representatives subject to insurance laws of this State; and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Insurance and Banking.

By Senator Dayton:

S. C. R. No. 16:

Whereas, It is a well-known fact that the section of Texas about Gainesville has fine railroad facilities is in close proximity to the iron

ore fields and close proximity to large coal fields both in Oklahoma and Texas, and abundantly supplied with natural gas, and in view of the fact that the Chamber of Commerce of Gainesville, Texas, has been in communication with the National Navy Board at Washington for the location of the proposed Armor Plate Plant in Gainesville, Texas, and have received encouraging reports from said Board, and,

Whereas, The Federal Government of the United States proposes to erect an Armor Plate Plant somewhere in this section of the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, the House concurring, that we call the attention of the Secretary of the Navy to the many advantages of Gainesville, Texas, for the location of such Armor Plate Plant, and be it further

Resolved, That the entire delegation from Texas in the National Congress be requested to use all honorable means within their power to present advantages of the location of such plant at Gainesville, Texas, and that the great advantages in locating said plant at Gainesville be called to the attention of the Navy Department by said delegation, and be it further

Resolved, That the Governor of Texas be requested to forward to the Secretary of the Navy a copy of these resolutions and that the Secretary of the Senate be hereby instructed to send a copy to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The following amendments were offered and referred with the resolution:

(1) Amend the resolution by adding the cities of Corsicana, Terrell and Athens, Texas, after the word Gainesville, and all towns and cities in East and North East Texas.

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(2) Amend Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16 by adding after Gainesville the names of the home towns of each member of the Texas Senate the town of Bastrop to be placed first on the list.

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Senator Henderson moved to refer S. C. R. No. 16, with amendments,

to the Committee on Federal Relations.

As a substitute Senator Dayton moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution until next Monday.

The substitute motion was lost.

Action recurred upon the motion to refer and the same prevailed.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 355.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that all bonds issued under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act approved by the President of the United States July 17, 1916, shall be lawful investment for all fiduciary and trust funds and may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits of bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted; declaring such bonds lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers, for saving deposits of State Banks, for banks, saving banks, and trust companies chartered under the laws of Texas, for all insurance companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in this State, then that such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 355 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bailey.	Dean.
Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Gibson.
Caldwell.	Hopkins.

Henderson.	Page.
Johnson of Hall.	Parr.
Johnston of Harris.	Smith.
Lattimore.	Strickland.
McCollum.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	King.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Hall.	Woodward.
Harley.	

The bill was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

McCollum.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.
Hall.	Robbins.

Senator Caldwell moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 355 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 231.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

S. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Normal School Board of Regents to purchase the properties of the East Texas Normal College located at Commerce, in Hunt County, Texas, in so far as the appropriation made provides for the purpose and to receive the balance of the value thereof as a donation in the event the board should

find the facts stated in the preamble to this bill substantially true, and providing that if the board should not find the properties equal to the value stated in the preamble they may decline to purchase the property until further directed by the Legislature; providing for an examination of the title of the property by the Attorney General, the execution of deeds and bills of sale to the Governor of the State for use and benefit of the State; creating a normal school to be one of the normal schools of the State, to consist of the original equipment, properties and buildings of the present existing East Texas Normal College located at Commerce, as aforesaid; providing that said normal college shall be conducted as other State normals, under the management and control of said board; declaring that all laws of the State applicable to State normals shall be applicable to said East Texas Normal College; providing that the appropriation shall not be paid over in the consummation of the purchase to the properties here referred to prior to the 31st of August, A. D. 1917, authorizing the said board after the purchase of the property to permit the school to continue under its present management as a private institution until the Thirty-sixth Legislature makes an appropriation for its support and maintenance; appropriating the sum of \$80,000 for the purchase of said property, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and passed finally.

Senator Westbrook moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 231 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 268.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act directing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to require the county judges, county, city and town superintendents, county and city treasurers and depositories of school boards and other school officers and teachers certain reports relating to school funds and school affairs; providing that the State Su-

perintendent shall furnish blanks for such purpose; providing a penalty for a failure on the part of such officers to make such reports within twenty days after required by the State Superintendent, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read and,

Senator Henderson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend the bill by adding after the words "county judges," in line 18, the words "acting as ex officio county superintendent of public schools."

Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(2) Amend caption of Senate Bill No. 268 by adding after "judge," in line 8 of printed bill, the words "when acting as ex officio county school superintendents."

Senator Henderson offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

(3) Amend the bill, line 27, by adding after the words "county judges" the words "acting as ex officio county superintendents."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 268 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Lattimore.
Bailey.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Page.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent.

Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.
Gibson.	

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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 268 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 379.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of House Bill No. 34, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved by the Governor February 13, 1917, relating to the creation of a juvenile board within certain counties of this State, and prescribing the duties and powers of such board, including the appointment by it of probation officers, and providing for the payment of compensation of such officers, and allowing the said district judges an additional salary to be paid out of the general revenue fund of such county, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 379 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Lattimore.
Bailey.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent.

Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell. Harley.
Caldwell. Hudspeth.
Clark. King.
Decherd.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 379 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 234.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 234, "An Act creating and incorporating the San Antonio Independent School District, and defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Bee offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend the bill by adding on page 16, after Section 16, Section 16a, as follows:

Within sixty days after the date of each fiscal year said Board shall cause to be published in some daily newspaper published in the City of San Antonio, in the English language a statement showing the financial condition of said Board, and of each fund, with receipts and disbursements during the year, the source of all receipts, the number and date of each warrant drawn, the amount thereof, the name of the person to whom the same was issued, the fund from which and the purpose for which it was drawn.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 234 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee. Gibson.
Buchanan of Scurry. Hall.
Dayton. Henderson.
Dean. Hopkins.
Floyd. Johnston of Harris.

Lattimore.
McCollum.
McNealus.
Page.
Parr.
Robbins.
Smith.
Strickland.
Sulter.
Westbrook.
Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell. Johnson of Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Decherd.
Bailey. Harley.
Buchanan of Bell. Hudspeth.
Clark. King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey. Lattimore.
Bee. McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry. McNealus.
Dayton. Page.
Dean. Parr.
Floyd. Robbins.
Gibson. Smith.
Hall. Strickland.
Henderson. Sulter.
Hopkins. Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris. Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell. Johnson of Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Harley.
Buchanan of Bell. Hudspeth.
Clark. King.
Decherd.

Senator Bee moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 234 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 188.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing a Bureau of Vital Statistics for the State Board of Health, providing for an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths in the State of Texas; providing for penalties for the violation of any of the provisions of this

Act, making appropriation for the efficient enforcement of same, and declaring an emergency."

Senator McCollum offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend Section 9 by adding the following provision: "And provided further that where the child is not named within five days after birth, the parent shall file an additional certificate, giving the name of the child."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senator McCollum moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call.

As a substitute Senator Dean moved that the vote by which Senate Bill No. 188 was passed to engrossment be rescinded, which motion to rescind prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 359.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 359, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the holding of an election to determine whether hogs, sheep or goats may run at large in the counties of Henderson and Anderson, of this State, during only those months of each year designated in the petition; providing that elections may be held therein, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Robbins offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 359 at the end of Section 1 by adding the following: "Provided further, that nothing in this act shall apply in any incorporated city or town in the counties of Henderson and Anderson."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Robbins, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 359 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas--24.

Alderdice.
Bailey.

Bee.
Buchanan of Scurry.

Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hopkins.	Suiter.
Johnston of Harris.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	Woodward.

Absent.

Johnson of Hall.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Johnston of Harris.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Johnson of Hall. Page.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Senator Robbins moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 359 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 576.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 576, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 24 and 25 of an Act of the Legislature of Texas, approved March 24, 1911,

and entitled 'An Act creating a more efficient road system for Anderson county, Texas,' " etc.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted:

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Strickland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 576 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, in Erath County, Texas, to be known as the John Tarlton Agricultural College; providing for the government and control of said institution, providing for the acceptance of donations of lands, buildings and money offered by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath County; providing for a students' loan fund, and defining the leading objects and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given in said college, and conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty County Independent School District, in Liberty County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 412.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson independent school district, in Marion County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On the motion of Senator Henderson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 412 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bailey.	Dean.
Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Gibson.
Caldwell.	Hall.

Henderson.	Robbins.
Hopkins.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Suiter.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.
McCollum.	Woodward.
McNealus.	

Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Johnson of Hall.
Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Senator Henderson moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 412 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 182.—Set as Special Order.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Gibson, Senate Bill No. 182 was set as a special order for next Monday at the conclusion of the morning call.

House Bill No. 574.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an Act creating the Jourdanon Independent School District in Atascosa County, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said Act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said Act, providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said Act, regulating the time of payment of taxes; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 574 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Johnston of Harris.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bailey.	Dean.
Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Gibson.
Caldwell.	Hall.

Henderson.	Parr.
Hopkins.	Robbins.
Johnson of Hall.	Smith.
Johnston of Harris.	Strickland.
Lattimore.	Sulter.
McCollum.	Westbrook.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Senator Bailey moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 574 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 46—As Special Order.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Dean Senate Bill No. 46 was set as a special order for next Friday at the conclusion of the morning call.

Senate Bill No. 314—Set as Special Order.

By request of Senator Henderson Senate Bill No. 314 was set as special order for the same hour as Senate Bill No. 46, as shown above.

House Bill No. 366.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 36, page 359, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said Act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its duties, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Johnson of

Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 366 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Johnston of Harris.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Alderdice.	Johnston of Harris.
Bailey.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Senate Bill No. 61—House Amendments Concurred In.

Senator Hopkins called up

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3420, Chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing that no property encumbered by certain liens shall be set aside to the widow or children as exempt

property, or appropriated to make up allowances in lieu of exempt property or for a year's support, until the debts secured by such liens are first discharged, and declaring an emergency."

The following House amendment was read:

Amend Senate Bill No. 61, page 1, line 39, by striking out after the word "liens" the following clause: "Valid at date of execution," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Existing at date of acquisition of property."

Senator Hopkins moved to concur in the foregoing amendment, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Bailey.	Page.
Bee.	Parr.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Robbins.
Caldwell.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.
McNealus.	

Nays—5.

Dayton.	Johnson of Hall.
Dean.	Lattimore.
Henderson.	

Present—Not Voting.

Alderdice.	Floyd.
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Absent.

McCollum.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Senator Hopkins moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion to concur was adopted and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(President Pro Tem. Henderson in the chair.)

House Bill No. 469.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 469, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to establish Common School District No. 4 in San Patricio County, Texas; extending its boundaries so as to include certain lands heretofore in Common School District No. 1 of said county; providing that such parts of Common School District No. 1 of San Patricio County as may hereafter be included in Common School District No. 4 shall continue to be subject to taxation for the payment of principal and interest of any common school district school house bonds that may have heretofore been issued by Common School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid; conferring upon the board of county trustees the power to subdivide said district and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 469 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.

Absent.

Lattimore.	Robbins.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Dayton.
Bailey.	Dean.
Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Gibson.
Caldwell.	Hall.

Henderson.	Parr.
Hopkins.	Smith.
Johnson of Hall.	Strickland.
Johnston of Harris.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent.

Lattimore.	Robbins.
McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Messages From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to establish and create a
criminal district court for Tarrant
County; to provide for the jurisdic-
tion of, and procedure in, said court;
to fix the time for holding the terms
of said court; to provide for the ap-
pointment, election, qualification,
duties, powers and compensation of
a judge of said court; depriving and
divesting the district courts of Tar-
rant County of jurisdiction of all
criminal cases; providing from and
after the taking effect of this Act
for the transfer of all criminal cases
from the district courts of the Seven-
teenth, Forty-eighth and Sixty-sev-
enth Judicial Districts of Tarrant
County to the criminal district court
of Tarrant County created by this
Act; providing that the county at-
torney, the sheriff and the clerk of
the district court of Tarrant County
shall be the county attorney, sheriff
and clerk of the district court, re-
spectively, of the court created by
this act, under the same rules and
regulations as are now or may here-
after be prescribed by law for the
government of such officials; provid-
ing for the fees to be received by
such officers for such services; and

repealing all laws and parts of laws
in conflict with this act, and declar-
ing an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the
Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House
to inform the Senate that the House
has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled
"An Act fixing the salaries of judges
of the Supreme Court and the Court
of Criminal Appeals and the judges
of the Courts of Civil Appeals and
of the district courts of this State,
and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (President Pro Tem.
Henderson), had referred, after their
captions had been read, the follow-
ing House bills:

H. B. No. 50, referred to the Com-
mittee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 21, referred to the Com-
mittee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Senate Bill No. 303.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate
on second reading:

S. B. No. 303, A bill to be entitled
"An Act amending Section 15, Chap-
ter 4, of the local and special laws
of the First Called Session of the
Thirty-first Legislature, etc."

The committee report that the bill
be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and
passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dayton, the
constitutional rule requiring bills to
be read on three several days was
suspended and Senate Bill No. 303
put on its third reading and final
passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Bee.
Bailey.	Buchanan of Scurry.

Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent.

Lattimore.	McNealus.
McCollum.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Page.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Henderson.	

Absent.

Lattimore.	McNealus.
McCollum.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	King.

Adjournment.

At 1 o'clock p. m. on motion of Senator Johnston of Harris, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Page offered numerous telegrams from different parts of the State urging a full investigation of the University matter.

Senator Gibson sent up a petition from Paris, Texas, endorsing the State Board of Health appropriation.

Senator Dean sent up a telegram from Matador urging the passage of the Dean telephone bill.

Senator Bailey offered a petition against the Dean telephone bill.

Senators Johnston of Harris and Bailey offered petitions protesting against Senate Bill No. 116, known as the Medicine Wagon Bill.

Senator Bailey sent up and had read a letter from Yoakum, opposing House Bill No. 232, known as the Four Days' Rest Bill.

A numerous signed petition was offered by Senator Floyd opposing the Sunday closing law bill.

Senator Johnson sent up a petition from Spring, Texas, favoring the Car Shed Bill.

Senators Bailey and Clark sent up and had read petitions opposing the Car Shed Bill.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February, 17, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 161 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February, 17, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 355 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 65 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the
Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed
Bills has had senate Bill No. 108
carefully compared, and finds the
same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Com-
mittee on Towns and City Corpora-
tions, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 270, A bill to be entitled
"An Act to amend Article 7382, Title
126, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil
Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as to ex-
empt from taxation upon gross re-
ceipts in cities and towns of five
thousand population or less as given
by the last Federal census, each and
every individual, company, corpora-
tion or association owning, operat-
ing, managing or controlling any tele-
phone line or lines, or any telephones
within this State and charging for
the use of the same, and declaring an
emergency,"

Have had the same under consid-
eration, and I am instructed to re-
port same back to the Senate with
the recommendation that it do not
pass.

JOHNSTON of Harris, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the
Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Com-
mittee on Towns and City Corpora-
tions, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 270,

Have had the same under consid-
eration, and beg to report same back
to the Senate with the recommenda-
tion that it do not pass, but that the
attached committee substitute, do
pass in lieu thereof.

PAGE,
McCOLLUM,
For the Minority.

By Committee. C. S. for S. B. No. 270.

A BILL To Be Entitled

An Act to amend Article 7382, Title
126, Chapter 2, of the Revised
Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as
to exempt from taxation upon
gross receipts each and every in-
dividual, company, corporation or
association, owning, operating,
managing or controlling any tele-
phone line or lines, or any tele-
phones within this State where the
capital stock of such individual,
company, corporation or associa-
tion is less than \$100,000.00, and
declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of
the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 7382,
Title 126, Chapter 2, of the Revised
Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, be so
amended as to read as follows:

Article 7382. Each and every indi-
vidual, company, corporation or as-
sociation owning, operating, manag-
ing or controlling any telephone line
or lines, or any telephones in cities
or towns of this State, and charging
for the use of the same, shall make
quarterly on the first days of Janu-
ary, April, July and October of each
year, a report to the Comptroller of
Public Accounts, under oath of the
individual, treasurer, or superinten-
dent of such company, corporation or
association showing the gross amount
received from all business within this
State during the preceding quarter in
the payment of charges for the use
of its line or lines, telephones, and
from the lease or use of any wires
or equipment within this State dur-
ing said quarter. Said individuals,
companies, corporations or associa-
tions, at the time of making said re-
ports, shall pay to the treasurer of
the State of Texas an occupation tax
for the quarter beginning on said date
equal to one and one-half of said
gross receipts as shown by said re-
port; provided, that every individual,
company, corporation or association
owning, operating, managing or con-
trolling any telephone line or lines,
or any telephones in any city or town
in this State and charging for the
use of the same, or any such indi-
vidual, company, corporation or as-
sociation incorporated outside of this
State, but doing business in this

State, where the capital stock of such individual, company, corporation or association is less than \$100,000.00 shall be exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. The near approach of the end of the present session and the fact that the article of the Revised Statutes herein amended has operated to the detriment of the smaller and mutual telephone companies within this State, and the further fact that other individuals, companies, corporations and associations privileged to like occupancy and uses of the public streets and highways enjoy the same, if not better, exemptions than herein provided, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule providing that bills shall be read on three several days shall be suspended, and this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6654, Title 115, Chapter 15 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding to the 12 numbered subdivisions thereof subdivision 13, so as to define the term railroad station, with obligations incident thereto, and to provide that station limits now existing or hereafter established shall not be changed except on order of the Railroad Commission, and to empower the Railroad Commission of Texas to fix, enlarge or diminish the limits of railroad stations within this State and to require that station service, terminal service or switching service be given within said limits, and to prescribe the charges to be demanded and collected for such service, and to make or change rates or charges with respect to stations; restricting the operation of this Act to the movements of freight wholly within the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consid-

eration, and beg to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

(1) Amend the bill by adding at the end of Section 1 the following:

"Provided that nothing in this section, or in any order of the Railroad Commission made in pursuance thereof, shall be held or construed to prevent or prohibit any railroad from fixing the limits, at such stations, within which its rules covering the operations of locomotives and trains, shall govern."

JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February, 17, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Lipscomb, Independent School District in Lipscomb County, Texas; defining its boundaries; investing said district with all the rights, privileges and duties of an independent school district created under the law of the State of Texas for free school purposes; providing for a board of trustees and for the trustees of Common School District No. 1 to manage and control the affairs of the independent school district until the election of trustees as prescribed by general statute; providing for the appointment by the board of trustees of the board of equalization, and prescribing its duties and time of meeting; providing that said independent school district shall be a body politic and corporate, giving it a right to sue and to be sued, and requiring that it assume all outstanding debts, including bonded indebtedness against Common School District No. 1, and requiring trustees to make proper levy for school year 1916-1917 to meet outstanding obligations of Common School District No. 1, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

In Memory
of
T. W. Ragsdale

SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 84.

Whereas, Miss Tynse Ragsdale, who has been the highly efficient and competent stenographer for Senator F. M. Gibson for a number of years in this Senate, has been called to her home in Bonham by the death of her father, T. W. Ragsdale; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That our sincere sympathy be tendered to Miss Ragsdale in her great affliction by the death of her beloved father; and be it further

Resolved, That a page of the Senate Journal be set aside for the printing of this resolution, and that a copy of same be forwarded by the Secretary of the Senate to Miss Ragsdale.

(Signed)—Page, Caldwell, Bee, Henderson, Floyd, Gibson, Dayton, Westbrook, McNealus, Suiter, Smith, Robbins, Alderdice, McCollum, Decherd, Strickland, King, Dean, Johnston of Harris, Hall, Clark, Harley, Bailey, Parr, Hudspeth, Woodward, Buchanan of Scurry, Buchanan of Bell, Johnson of Hall, Lattimore, Hopkins

The resolution was read and adopted.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, February, 17, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. C. R. No. 13,

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the attached substitute pass in lieu thereof.

BEE, Chairman.

By Committee. C. S. S. C. R. No. 13.

Whereas, Your Committee on Agriculture and Sub-Committee on Agriculture have found from testimony and hearings before them, that there is conflict, duplication and repeating in the work carried on by the Agricultural and Mechanical College, the University, the Extension Boards, the Department of Education, the Warehouse and Marketing Departments, and the Department of Agriculture; and,

Whereas, Said committee have found out from said hearings that there is friction existing among said institutions resulting from said duplicating and repeating of work; and,

Whereas, It appears that said institutions can not agree among themselves upon the functions and lines along which each should act so as not to interfere with, overlap and impede the progress of each other; be it

Resolved by the Senate, and the House concurring, That a joint committee of this Legislature composed of two Senators and three members of the House, be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, to consider, investigate and determine, under the Constitution and laws of Texas, the distinct and specific fields of operation to be pursued by each of said institutions, so as to avoid and eliminate the duplicating and friction existing among said institutions, and that said committee be allowed sufficient time to minutely go into these matters and prescribe the exact sphere of each of said institutions to the end that this Legislature be requested to make appropriations for each institution in the sphere of ac-

tivity as prescribed by this committee only, and the duplicating, repeating and overlapping work done by said institutions may be entirely eliminated so that each shall perform certain specific acts and things as provided by law, and to the end that each institution may be strengthened in its own sphere of usefulness and an enormous amount of money saved to the tax payers of Texas.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Monday, February 19, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Par.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Page.

Absent—Excused.

Decherd.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator King.

Excused.

On motion of Senator Dean the following Senators were excused for non-attendance for last Saturday on account of important business:

Senators Buchanan of Bell, Clark, Hall, Harley, Hudspeth, King and Robbins.

Senator Page for today on account